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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

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From the Evening Post, August 19.

Since our last arrived 1 Mail from France, 1 from Holland, and 1 from Flanders.  
Madrid, August 10.

**T**HE King's Confessor, Father William de Aubenton, a Jesuit, who had served all the most honourable Offices of his Order, died here the 7th Instant, in the 76th Year of his Age, and was interr'd the next Day. All the Prelates of the Court, Grandees and Ministers attended the Funeral: His Majesty has appointed in his Room Father Gabriel Bariandez, a Jesuit also. His Majesty has likewise appointed Governour of the Infant Don Carlos, the Duke de St. Pierre, Brother-in-law of the Marquis de Torcy.

Paris, August 25. Last Week the King acquainted the Parliament by a *Lettre de Cachet*, That he had desired the Duke of Orleans, his Uncle, to take upon him the Administration of Affairs of State, and appointed him his Prime Minister; upon this the several Chambers met last Thursday to consider of that Message; the next Day they sent a Deputation to Versailles to return their Thanks to his Majesty for the same. Here has been published a Declaration of the King, whereby his Majesty's Subjects are forbid concerning themselves with the India Company of the Austrian Netherlands, by which its ordered that every Offender shall pay a fine of 3000 Livres, besides forfeiting the Stock or Effects to him belonging in the said Company, the Value of which shall be confiscated and levied out of what Estates or Possessions they shall be found to enjoy in the Dominions of his Majesty.

Rome, August 7. The Chevalier de St. George had a few Days ago a long Conference with Cardinal Spinola, Secretary of State, at a Country Seat called Negrony; 'tis said the subject Matter of it was the Affair of Cardinal Alberoni, in which the Chevalier will act as Mediator; as he writes frequently to his Eminence, 'tis thought that Business will soon be brought to a Conclusion. We hear the Court of Vienna does not approve of the Treaty which is on Foot between the Porte and the Grand Master of Malta for a Truce.

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From the London Gazette, August 20.

*Madrid, August 6.* N. S. On the 3d Instant the King appointed the Duke de St. Pedro to be Governor of the Infant Don Carlos; and Don Francisco d'Aguerre, one of the Queen's Majordomos, and Nephew to the Corrigidor the Marquis de Vadillo, to be his Sub-governor. His Majesty has settled a Pension of 2000 Ducats a-year on the Marchioness of Montehermoso, Sister of the Marquis de Vadillo, with Leave to remain in the Palace as one of the Ladies of Honour, in token of his Satisfaction with her Care in educating the Infant till he had completed the 7th Year of his Age, when he was taken from the Tuition of Women. On the 6th died here his Catholic Majesty's Confessor, Father Daubenton, in the 83d Year of his Age: On the 7th his Body was interr'd in the Church of the Noviciates of the Jesuites; most of the Grandees, with Cardinal Belluga, the Archbishop of Toledo, and many other Persons of Distinction, voluntarily, and without Invitation, assisting at the Funeral, to shew their Regard to his Memory. His Majesty has named for his Successor in that Office, Father Gabriel Borindes, a Spaniard. On the 18th their Catholic Majesties will return to the Escorial from Balfain, that Day being fixed for the Consummation of the Prince of Asturias's Marriage.

*Lisbon, August 11.* The Moors still continue in these Seas, to the great Disturbance of the French and Dutch Trade. On the 22d past they took a Dutch Doggar call'd *The Young Laurence*, with Salt from Cadix, for Amsterdam, on the Coast of Algarve; all the Men found Means to escape, but the Master was made their Captive.

*Hanover, August 24.* Mr. le Coq, his Polish Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at this Court, returned hither on the 21st Instant from Dresden; as did also Mr. Wallenrodt, the Prussian Minister, from Berlin, whither he attended the Queen of Prussia. Yesterday Mr. Scot set out from this Place to return to Berlin. Mr. Southwell, Secretary of State for Ireland, arrived here on Sunday-night with his Son; they were introduc'd Yesterday to the King, by the Lord Viscount Townshend, and had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand. Yesterday-morning early his Majesty went several Miles from hence to divert himself with Shooting, and did not return till 4 in the Afternoon: He was attended by the Lord Carteret and other Persons of Quality. Orders are sent to 6 Regiments of Foot, and 5 of Horse and Dragoons, to be in a Readiness to march from their respective Quarters into the Neighbourhood of this Place, his Majesty intending to review them about the Middle of next Month.

*Paris, August 25.* The 23d Instant in the Morning, Mr. de Mesmes, Count de Avreux, First President of the Parliament of Paris, was seiz'd with an Apoplexy, and died in a few Hours. That Office being deem'd the second in the Civil Magistracy of this Kingdom, great Interest is us'd at Court for it by divers Competitors; the Chief of which are, M. Pattail, President a Mortier, and M. de July Fleury, Attorney General.

*Copenhagen, August 17.* Major General Leewenhorn set out from hence to-day for Hanover, to make the King of Denmark's Compliments to his Britannic Majesty.

Mr. Bestuchoff, the Muscovite Minister, who returned hither the 3d Instant from the Czar, has since had an Audience of the King, in which, he said he was very much surpriz'd to find at his Return hither, more Ships of War fitted out than when he went from hence; and assured his Majesty, he needed not have any Apprehensions of the Czar.

*Hamburg, August 20.* Our Advices from Petersburg of the 20 past, tell us; That some Part of the Czar's Fleet was returned to Cronslot, leaving all the other Ships at Revel; the Czar himself was gone to Rogerwick, a Place situate between Revel and Nerva, where he intends to make a new Port. From thence the Czar designs to return to Retel, and proceed to Riga.

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*From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 26.*

*Rome, August 17.* 'Tis assured, that the Court of Parma has laid up Sums of Money in divers Banks in Italy, to buy again Castro and Roneighone.

*Vienna, August 14.* We learn from Prague, that on Tuesday last they had a violent Storm, during which, the Lightning fell upon the old Palace Colorado, four Apartments whereof were much damaged, all the Moveables and Pictures having been not only burnt, but the Walls cracked in several Places, and three Persons were dangerously wounded. The Arch-Bishop of Valence, President of the Council of Spain, and several other Lords in the Administration, are gone to Prague, to oppose the Solicitations of the Ministers of England and Holland against the Ostend East India Company. The Fortifications of this City are repairing with great Diligence, under the Direction of the general Count Daun.

*Hamburg, August 24.* A Courier from Mr. Finch, the British Envoy at Stockholm, is passed by Copenhagen, going to Hanover, who brought with him Letters of the 13th, importing, that on the 10th a Russian Frigate brought Letters from the Czar, signed by that Monarch, on Board the Fleet off Revel, which the Russian Resident presented to the King of Sweden, to declare that he had caused Part of his Fleet to put to Sea to Discipline the Seamen, and had desired, that the like Declaration might be made to all the foreign Ministers at the Court of Sweden.

*London, August 26.* 'Tis generally thought, that Dr. Wills, Lord Bishop of Salisbury, and Doctor Hoadley, Lord Bishop of Hereford, will be advanced to the Vacant Sees of Winchester and Ely. The Promotion of the latter must be a sensible Pleasure to good Men who are convinced by his immortal Writings, that he is the worthiest among the worthy of his venerable Brethren, in as much as he, like St. Paul among the Apostles, has laboured more abundantly than them all, in the Service of the Royal Family, the Defence of the Church of England, the Protestant Religion, and the Cause of Liberty; and can there be a stronger or a nobler Recommendation to the Royal Favour.

*From the Evening Post, August 10.*

*Brussels, August 26.* The Duke of Richmond, who arrived here last Monday, proceeds To-morrow on his Journey to Paris.

*London, August 20.* Yesterday an amicable Cause between his Grace the Duke of Wharton and Col. Charters, was heard before the Master of the Bills, relating to the Sale of an Estate, and was determined to the Satisfaction of both Parties.

We hear the Bishop of Salisbury will succeed the Bishop of Winchester (who died on Thursday last) in that Bishoprick.

The Lord Charles Fitz Roy, second Son of the Duke of Cleveland died lately of the Small Pox in France.

This Day at Noon South Sea Stock was 100, 18th. Bank 120. India 129, 3 qrs. African 10, on qr. York-Buildings 7, 1 half.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London August 20.*

**T**HEY write from Paris, That on the 13d Instant the King sent a Letter de Cachet to the Parliament, to signify to them, That his Majesty had desired the Duke of Orleans to take upon himself the Administration of public Affairs, and appointed him to be Prime Minister. Upon which the Chambers have assembled, and sent a Deputation to Versailles, to return Thanks to his Majesty.

Letters from Madrid intimate, that his Catholic Majesty will appoint the Prince de Cellamare and Count d'Avilla to be Principal Ministers of State. They add, That his Majesty has appointed the Duke de St. Pierre, Brother in law of the Marquis de Torcy, to be Governor to the Infant Don Carlos.

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Letters from Rome of the 7th Instant, amongst other Things, remark, That the Affairs of Cardinal Alberoni have now a better Aspect than ever; That his Enemies abate now of that Heat against him, and his Friends act more openly, and with greater Warmth, than they have hitherto done; and that the Pope himself inclines to favour him.

As to the Affair of a new East India Company at Ostend, we are advised, That the Subjects of France are forbid to have any Interest in that Company, and that upon Pain of Forfeiture of a Thousand Crowns, and the full Value of Effects they shall have therein.

From Prague they write, That the British and Dutch Residents at that Court have frequent Conferences with those of the Emperor, upon the afore mentioned Subject; and the Former are preparing Draughts to Answers given in by the Imperial Ministers, in order to transmit them to Hanover and the Hague: At which last Place the Admiralty Deputies are arrived, to deliberate upon proper Methods to be given for preserving the Privileges of the East India Company, against all the Attempts of the Ostend Company, whose Premium begins already to decline.

Letters from Stockholm of the 11th Instant say, That they had received certain Advice from Gothl and, That some of the Muscovite Ships were seen off that Coast, but that they immediately tack'd about and steered homewards. Which News has now freed the Swedes from all Apprehensions of the Russian Fleet.

The Author of the *True Briton*, notwithstanding his Printer is taken up, almost as often as the same is published, still goes on with his Reflections on the late Proceedings, and the Ministry, and also upon Places, Pensions, &c. In one of the Paragraphs published this Day he says thus. *The Pretender's late Secretary is just arriv'd in England, where he has both his Estate and Honour to seek, and if in such a Case he should be allowed a small Pension for the Encouragement of Integrity, what True Briton would think of the Expence. Or suppose his Falseness should entitle him to a Reward, we may be sure, its such a Falseness as is as useful as Truth, or else it would not be rewarded. That Gentleman has nothing but an Attainder by this Parliament to get off, in order to be in Satu quo, long to hear some Court Orator set furth this Gentleman's Merit.*

Yesterday a Cause between the D. of Wharton and Col. Chartres was heard before the Master of the Rolls, concerning the Sale of an Estate, and was determined to the Satisfaction of both Partys, especially, as its thought, to the Gentleman last named.

Captain Cornwall, Commander of the Sheerborough Galley is arrived at Plymouth from Jamaica, and gives an Account, That Two Days before he left that Island, one of the South Sea Snows arrived there from Porto Bello, and brought News that the Cassandra Pyrate Ship, having great Riches on Board, had put themselves under the Protection of the Spaniards there.

This Day was a General Court of the York Buildings Company, when Mr. Young said the Stock appeared by a stated Account thereof to be twice the Value it bears at present. However he excused himself from being their Governour, so that Mr. Faskerly was chosen.

Its expected that the next Post from Hanover, will bring something extraordinary relating to the Offenders.

Last Night an Attempt was made on the Exchequer, but without Effect.

His Majesty has appointed the Middle of the next Month, for the Review of his Troops in Hanover.

Haddington, August 23.

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**T**HERE is a Piece of Silver Plate, 25 Pound Sterling value, set out by several Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the first Wednesday of October next, being the 2d Day of that Month, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry eight Scots Stone Trois Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight: The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Owners, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town-Clerk, fortyeight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be 6 Guineas amongst them. No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged by any of the rest who saved their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last Wednesday of August; and the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first Wednesday of October next.

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